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TAGS: PINS, PE

SUBJECT: LETTER BOMB AT CUBAN EMBASSY

REF: LIMA 1173 AND PREVIOUS

1. WELL-PLACED SOURCE WITHIN OPPOSITION ALIANZA POPULAR REVOLUCIONARIA AMERICANA (APRA) PARTY TOLD EMBOFF THAT SMALL GROUP OF MILITANT APRA COMMANDOS WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR LETTER BOMBING OF CUBAN EMBASSY. TERRORIST CELL LEADER (FNU) PACHECO BORJA (OR BORGES) FLED TO MEXICO, BUT OTHERS IN HIDING HERE. PERUVIAN INVESTIGATIVE POLICE (PIP) SUSPECT APRA MILITANTS AND ARRESTED TWO APRISTA THUGS WHO NOW UNDER INTERROGATION, ACCORDING TO SOURCE.

2. SOURCE, WHO IS WELL-CONNECTED IN MILITANT APRA CIRCLES, CLAIMS THIS BOMBING DONE WITHOUT KNOWLEDGE OF HIGHEST LEVEL APRA LEADERSHIP IN ORDER TO PROTECT PARTY CHIEFS FROM REPRESSION. APRA MILITANT WING NOW HAS SPECIALIST IN LETTER BOMBS, HE SAID, AND LETTER WAS POSTED LOCALLY AND NOT REPEAT NOT FROM MEXICO.

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3. OBJECTIVE IS TO WARN CUBAN OFFICIALS THAT THEIR SUB-

VERSIVE ACTIVITIES IN PERU WILL NOT BE MET PASSIVELY BY PERUVIAN ANTI-COMMUNISTS, ACCORDING TO SOURCE, WHO ADDED THAT COMMUNIQUE FROM MANO ORGANIZATION (SEE LIMA 1036) WAS ATTEMPT TO THROW PIP OFF APRA'S TRAIL.

4. COMMENT: APRA COMMANDOS ORGANIZED IN SMALL CELLS WHOSE MEMBERS DELIBERATELY KEPT UNIFORMED OF COLLEAGUES' ACTIVITIES IN ORDER TO PROTECT NETWORK. PURPOSE OF TERRORISM IN THE PAST (SEE LIMA 5310 JULY 25, 1973, AND LIMA 3257 MAY 31, 1972) HAS BEEN TO CREATE TENSE POLITICAL ATMOSPHERE AND DEFLATE GOP PRETENSIONS ABOUT UNCHALLENGED AUTHORITY AND TIGHT SECURITY. MILITANT WING OSTENSIBLY UNDER CONTROL OF ARMANDO VILLANUEVA DEL CAMPO, HOWEVER, SOURCE SAYS VILLANUEVA HIMSELF SOMETIMES NOT AWARE OF DETAILS OR PERSONALITIES INVOLVED IN SPECIFIC TERRORIST ACTS. SOURCE CLAIMS VILLANUEVA NOW UNDER CLOSE PIP SURVEILLANCE. SOURCE HAS OFTEN REPORTED ACCURATELY; HOWEVER, IT IS CONCEIVABLE STORY FABRICATED TO GRAB CREDIT FOR HIS PARTY.
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